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DAYTON, Ohio, December 10, 1975 --- Because of the special needs of pre-adolescents have been a neglected concern in education, the University of Dayton School of Education Graduate Committee has approved a new graduate degree, the Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.) in Junior High and Middle School Education.

Enrollees may have an undergraduate degree in either elementary or secondary education and must be interested in teaching grades five to eight.

The program is a response to educators outside of the university who expressed a need to learn the particular characteristics of students ages 10-14 and how to deal effectively with them.

From a developmental standpoint, the students have special problems because they are neither children nor adolescents. The graduate program will help teachers identify the unique characteristics of children that age and learn how to deal with them. Human relations skills and content area reading in more in-depth subject areas will be emphasized.

Currently, the Ohio Legislature is considering a separate certification for teachers of pre-adolescents to supplement elementary and secondary education certification.

Dr. Helen Frye of the School of Education consulted with local administrators and teachers from junior high and middle schools in planning the program to insure its relevance.

Those interested may contact Dr. Frye at 229-2946 in the office of education.